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Long Ambrose

S.C.R. No. 41

SENATE

^ CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 freshwater fishing opportunities, and recreational fishing is one
3 of the most popular outdoor sporting activities in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, Generating millions of dollars and enjoyed by people
5 of all ages, recreational fishing makes a substantial contribution
6 to local and state economies as well as to the quality of life in
7 Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, High-quality fishing can be found in the state's
9 bays and estuaries and other coastal waters, where the availability
10 of fish has never been better, according to the ~~Texas~~ Parks and
11 Wildlife Department (~~TPWD~~); and

12 WHEREAS, Rod and reel anglers strongly support ^{the Parks and Wildlife} ~~TPWD's~~ Department's
13 fisheries management regulations, including minimum size
14 requirements, bag limits, and gear restrictions, and these
15 conservation efforts have been successful; and

16 WHEREAS, The support of rod and reel anglers, who are
17 committed to preserving and enhancing water quality in oceans,
18 bays, and estuaries, is also important to the Texas Commission on
19 Environmental Quality (~~TCEQ~~); and

20 WHEREAS, ^{the Parks and Wildlife Department} ~~TPWD~~ and ~~TCEQ~~ ^{the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality} have not found it necessary to
21 restrict recreational fishing in marine waters because there has
22 never been a clear indication that fishing was the cause of a / 1/2
23 specific conservation problem; and

24 WHEREAS, Some state agencies may base regulations on studies

1-1 By: Armbrister S.C.R. No. 41
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 10, 2003; April 14, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 May 7, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; May 7, 2003, sent to printer.)

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1-16 of fish has never been better, according to the Parks and Wildlife
1-17 Department; and

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1-19 Wildlife Department's fisheries management regulations, including
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1-23 committed to preserving and enhancing water quality in oceans,
1-24 bays, and estuaries, is also important to the Texas Commission on
1-25 Environmental Quality; and

1-26 WHEREAS, The Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas
1-27 Commission on Environmental Quality have not found it necessary to
1-28 restrict recreational fishing in marine waters because there has
1-29 never been a clear indication that fishing was the cause of a
1-30 specific conservation problem; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Some state agencies may base regulations on studies
1-32 that do not consider the economic impact of recommendations; in the
1-33 case of proposed fishing or boating restrictions, the economic
1-34 impact to coastal communities could be severe; and

1-35 WHEREAS, Ongoing studies of bays and estuaries are under the
1-36 auspices of the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission
1-37 on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Water Development Board,
1-38 which shares jurisdiction over freshwater inflows into bays and
1-39 estuaries with the Parks and Wildlife Department; now, therefore,
1-40 be it

1-41 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-42 hereby direct the Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Commission
1-43 on Environmental Quality, and Texas Water Development Board to
1-44 exclude consideration or promotion of any study or plan that
1-45 recommends restrictions on recreational fishing areas; and, be it
1-46 further

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature also direct the three
1-48 agencies to require bay and estuary studies to include the economic
1-49 impact to coastal communities with any proposal to restrict fishing
1-50 or boating in those areas; and, be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
1-52 copy of this resolution to the executive directors of the Parks and
1-53 Wildlife Department and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
1-54 and to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development
1-55 Board.

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FAVORABLE
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

SB SCR SJR SR HB HCR HJR 41
By Armbrister
(Author/Senate Sponsor)
5/7/03
(date)

We, your Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, to which was referred the attached measure,
have on 5/6/03, had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it
(date of hearing)
back with the recommendation (s) that it:

- ☒ do pass and be printed
☐ do pass and be ordered not printed
☒ and is recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar.

A fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no
A revised fiscal note was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no
An actuarial analysis was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no
Considered by subcommittee. ☐ yes ☒ no

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PNV
Senator Armbrister, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Jackson, Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Barrientos				
Senator Duncan			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Estes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Fraser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Hinojosa			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Lindsay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Lucio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Shapiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Staples	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL VOTES	9	0	2	0

COMMITTEE ACTION

S260 Considered in public hearing
S270 Testimony taken
Kelly C. Gilbert
COMMITTEE CLERK

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CHAIRMAN

Paper clip the original and one copy of this signed form to the original bill
Retain one copy of this form for Committee files

WITNESS LIST

SCR 41

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Natural Resources

May 6, 2003 - 10:00AM

FOR: Smarr, Jim (Texas Recreational Fishing Alliance), Fulton, TX

AGAINST: Marston, Jim Director (Environmental Defense), Austin, TX

ON: Osburn, Hal Coastal Fisheries Division (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department),
Austin, TX

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
78R10530 CLE-D

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By: Armbrister
Natural Resources
5/5/2003
As Filed

DIGEST

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PURPOSE

Provides that the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby directs the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to exclude consideration or promotion of any study or plan that recommends restrictions on recreational fishing areas. Provides that the 78th Legislature also direct the three agencies to require bay and estuary studies to include the economic impact to coastal communities with any proposal to restrict fishing or boating in those areas. Provides that the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the executive directors of the TPWD and TCEQ and to the executive administrator of TWDB.

REQUEST FOR LOCAL & UNCONTESTED CALENDAR PLACEMENT

SENATOR CHRIS HARRIS, CHAIRMAN
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Sur 41, by Ambrister,
(Bill No.) (Author/Sponsor)
was heard by the Committee on Natural Resources on 5/6, 2003,
and reported out with the recommendation that it be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Kelly C. Gilbert
(Clerk of the reporting committee)

IMPORTANT: A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO A COMMITTEE PRINTED VERSION OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION AND SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OFFICE, E1.714. DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

Engrossed May 15, 2003

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Engrossing Clerk

By: Armbrister

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RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby direct the Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Texas Water Development Board to exclude consideration or promotion of any study or plan that recommends restrictions on recreational fishing areas; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the executive directors of the Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board.

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By Ken Curbishley

Directing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Texas Water Development Board to exclude consideration of recreational fishing restrictions in any study of Texas bays and estuaries.

_____ Filed with Secretary of the Senate
APR 14 2003 Read first time and referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES
MAY 07 2003 Reported favorably _____
_____ Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.
MAY 15 2003 Laid before Senate
_____ Consideration ordered by:
unanimous consent
_____ yeas, _____ nays

MAY 15 2003 Read, _____ and adopted.

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mandi Allgood
Engrossing Clerk

MAY 16 2003 Received from Senate
MAY 16 2003 Read first time and referred to Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources
_____ Reported _____ favorably (as amended) (as substituted)
_____ Sent to Committee on (Calendars) (Local & Consent Calendars)
_____ Read (comm. subst.), (amended) and adopted (failed) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)
_____ Returned to Senate.

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

_____ Returned from House without amendment.
_____ Returned from House with _____ amendments.
_____ Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote _____ yeas, _____ nays.